

# EDITORIALS

## McCarthy-Stevens Row

The McCarthy-Stevens-Army row, or whatever you may choose to call it, droned on into another week of high entertainment for the television audience. All this while the Geneva conference enters a final phase of failure, the Indo-China situation disintegrates, and a French government falls.

Aside from wasting a lot of time and money, the great dispute over an army private was damaged seriously by the prestige of an administration that, despite its many critics, has been doing a clean cut job in Washington. Further, it has lowered the prestige of the United States in the eyes of a world that must look to this nation for leadership. The antics of an American sub-committee in irresolute action simply cannot be comprehended by foreigners. They see senators openly insulting one another and wonder about the intelligence of the nation they must regard as the leader in the race for freedom.

A disheartening feature about it all is the opinion already shared by most of the nation, that nothing definite will be decided. The most that can happen probably will be that someone may be proved to be a liar, a fact that will only substantiate an opinion formed by the audience after the first few days of the hearings.

It is to be hoped that the fiasco will soon end and the nation return to the all important tasks of running out the commies, building up the bulwarks of the free world and getting back to business.

## Time for Cool Heads

There is a zoning dispute pending that has the explosive qualities of the kind of situation that can split the community. We refer to the controversy over the variance sought for extension of the Torrance Memorial Hospital.

This new ownership of the Herald doesn't presume to know all of the ramifications of the dispute; but enough has been said in our presence to make it possible for the above conclusion to be reached.

Further, we have heard some reasonable arguments advanced by both sides in the dispute. Surely there are fine people aligned on both sides and there are bound to be those who will not budge from positions they think they have a reasonable right to assume.

The situation calls for clear, calm thinking on the part of all who must, because of their position of leadership, take a definite stand. Let us hope that right will prevail and that some sort of a solution be reached without resort to bitterness that can only make lasting animosities.

## Decision to be Made

The council moves nearer to a decision on parking meters. A public hearing June 22 will bring the subject into sharp focus and some persons probably will ask for delayed action.

It is well for the general public to realize that the city council is not acting hurriedly or that it is without benefit of careful consideration. A competent committee, composed of leading citizens representing the best interests of the community, have made a careful survey. Recommendation of the meters for a trial basis, is the result of their careful deliberations.

On the basis of experience in other communities where parking meters have been installed, we certainly recommend them for fair trial in Torrance. Again we point out, the meters will not only help make parking easier but they will provide revenue for off-street parking so seriously needed now.

## Welcome Bethlehem

With little fanfare, other than the popping of photographers' flash bulbs, an important event for Torrance took place Tuesday morning when officials dedicated the site for the new fabrication plant of Bethlehem Steel.

The new plant, located within the incorporated limits of the city, will cost something like five million dollars and will eventually employ more than 300 persons. This is an important contribution to the economy of the community and is further evidence of the dynamic growth of Torrance.

There are few who do not know something about the magnitude of Bethlehem Steel and its contribution to the greatness of America. The Herald welcomes them to Torrance and believes they made a wise selection of a site for further expansion of Bethlehem's Pacific coast facilities.

## Torrance Keeps Pace

Again Torrance was third among cities of Los Angeles County in building volume during May with permits totaling \$2,453,197. This exceeds May 1953 by \$330,000 and brings this year's five-month total to \$14,132,275 or more than one million dollars more than for the same period in 1953. Torrance is growing!

Generally, Los Angeles area continues to pace the nation in general construction and continued population growth gives strength to the prediction that California may one day be the most heavily populated state in the nation.

Home and industrial building accounts also for the belief that the so-called coastal plain (from the mountains to the beach and from Malibu to San Diego) may one day be the new industrial heart of the nation. Look at your map and you will see Torrance and the immediate area in the very center of the development that is to come.

This rapid growth poses the problem of keeping pace, making changes to meet constantly arising new problems and gearing government within the community to thinking in terms of the higher speed. City officials are already thinking in these terms and they will have to be assured of co-operation when they ask for needed improvements. What is accomplished during the present administration will have a vital and lasting effect upon the future of Torrance.

Torrance no longer is the small town envisioned by its founders. It has the opportunity, however, of retaining the small town, warm-hearted flavor or it can become just another heavily populated Los Angeles neighborhood.

## Auto Concentration

Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Jr. announced recently the Department of Justice would make an anti-trust investigation of the automobile industry. The Attorney-General noted there had been an "increasing concentration" in the ever important automobile industry in this country.

Although the Attorney-General did not accuse the industry of any violation of the anti-trust laws, he made it clear the developing pattern in the industry was a cause for concern. He said the Government wanted to determine whether this pattern was more than a coincidence, or whether it represented a suppression of competition somewhere along the line.

The Attorney-General noted the Department of Justice "does not assume that any given number of competitors in an industry is a danger; however, in a shrinkage of automobile manufacturers to a small number, he said it was the American philosophy that 'freedom and progress are best served by multiple centers of activity rather than by undue concentrations of power'."

One of the trends which no doubt prompted the investigation is the fact that the three major automobile producers have been gaining a larger and larger percentage of the market for the last ten years. It is estimated that this year the big three will produce about ninety-one per cent of the automobiles sold. Just ten years ago that figure was nearer eighty-five per cent. To remain in a competitive position, two of the independent automobile companies recently merged and there has been talk of other mergers.

In addition, Kaiser-Frazer recently bought Willys Motors, thus affecting another merger. There are many ways huge corporations can gain a competitive advantage over independents, and although we know of no instance in which this has been worked out by any automobile producer, an investigation into this possibility is certainly in order in view of the trend of the independent automobile producer.

## NO BACKSEAT DRIVER

Milford, Conn. — Things began to happen when Mrs. Phyllis White moved over to her husband drive the car. She accidentally stepped on the accelerator. Her husband was thrown out, injuring his leg. The car roared across the street, narrowly missing other cars, bounded up on a nearby lawn, smashed through a concrete block and stucco garage and tore down two doors before stopping. Mrs. White wasn't scratched.

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**A VERY FAMOUS PREDICTION**  
In 1486 a retired midwife by the name of Mother Shipton gave out some amazing predictions in rhyme and we now quote: "When pictures look alive with movements free (the movies or television) When ships, like fishes, swim beneath the sea (submarines) When men, outstripping birds, can soar the sky (aircraft) Then half the world, deep-drenched in the deed; pay the real estate fee; and pay proceeds to the seller; etc. The buyer may have the escrow holder: Prorate real estate taxes, rents, insurance; receive money from the buyer; pay the seller at close of escrow; receive and record the deed from the seller, etc. As a neutral go-between, the escrow holder, which is often a title company, may only carry out instructions you give him. He cannot, for example, give you advice as to whether your deal is a good one, or give legal advice. For example, a man or wife may take title to a home in many ways, such as in joint tenancy, as community property, or as separate property. How they take title affects the taxes they pay, the way they own the property between them, the way their estate will be handled upon death, and their property rights in case of divorce. The escrow man may see that the title is passed the way you ask, but he cannot give you advice as to how it will work out. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

**WOMEN WHO WILL MAKE NEWS**  
BEATRICE LILLIE, the funny woman of the English stage, will soon begin her own personal charity drive for the betterment of free musical education among children. Miss Lillie's plan will be to see that every talented child receives a chance in the music world! . . . MARY PICKFORD will return to the silver screen and will again become the movie idol of millions of new fans plus the many millions she never lost! . . . EDNA FERBER, who aroused the wrath of all Texans with her novel "Giant" will next tear the wraps from the Convention City of the world, Atlantic City! . . . MARGARET CHASE SMITH, the senator from Maine, will start a bitter wrangle in Congress over her proposed uniform divorce laws in every state, but the women of America will rally to her support and the bill will become a law! . . . EVE STARR, the writer, will be asked to testify in the coming copyright probe in Washington! . . . SARA H CHURCHILL, the daughter of the Prime Minister of England, will hit your front pages with a domestic matter within the next 90 days! . . . Mrs. CRAIG HOSMER, the wife of Mr. Senator, will be voted the typical Washington hostess! . . . VALENTINA, the designer, will break the Paris influence, and establish a new trend toward American styles for American women! . . . ELENORA DUSE, the famed actress, will be honored by the citizens of Italy with a memorial in her honor to be built on the highest hill in Genoa! . . .

**LAW IN ACTION**  
The deed; pay the real estate fee; and pay proceeds to the seller; etc. The buyer may have the escrow holder: Prorate real estate taxes, rents, insurance; receive money from the buyer; pay the seller at close of escrow; receive and record the deed from the seller, etc. As a neutral go-between, the escrow holder, which is often a title company, may only carry out instructions you give him. He cannot, for example, give you advice as to whether your deal is a good one, or give legal advice. For example, a man or wife may take title to a home in many ways, such as in joint tenancy, as community property, or as separate property. How they take title affects the taxes they pay, the way they own the property between them, the way their estate will be handled upon death, and their property rights in case of divorce. The escrow man may see that the title is passed the way you ask, but he cannot give you advice as to how it will work out. NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

## AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

**THE BARGAIN OF ALASKA**  
FAIRBANKS, Alaska. — I have just returned from an extended lecture tour through Alaska, covering the area from near the Arctic Circle, Fairbanks, and Anchorage . . . down the southeast coast to the capital in Juneau and the expanding community of Ketchikan. I have addressed audiences in these areas and exposed myself to the thinking of some of the most civic-minded citizens of Alaska in various walks of life, political leaders, pioneers, historians, professional and business leaders, educators, itinerant construction workers and the man-of-the-street. One can write volumes on any one phase of Alaska. Eddie Kelltham, curator of the Alaska Historical Library and Museum in Juneau and one of the greatest living authorities on Alaska, showed me thousands of the books written on Alaska dating back to 1867, the year the United States struck its biggest bargain in history with the purchase of Alaska from Russia for a measly \$7,200,000, for an area over twice the size of Texas . . . and possessing billions of dollars of yet undeveloped resources.

**The 7 Million Dollar Deal**  
In Juneau I saw a photostatic copy of the original \$7,200,000 check paid Russia for the purchase of Alaska. The price was actually \$7,000,000. The \$200,000 was a little "bonus" paid to Russian officials under the guise of satisfying all outstanding claims on Alaska and legally giving title to the United States of all the territory and its resources. The purchase of Alaska has proved to have been the best investment the United States has ever made in its history. Actually Alaska paid for itself 15 times over the \$7,200,000 in whales before it was purchased. It paid for itself 3 more times in fur seals just in the first ten years of U. S. ownership. It paid for itself again in furs in some 10 years after the purchase. It paid for itself again in walrus within a period of 10 years. It has paid for itself 47 times in copper to date. During every seven months, for over 50 years, it earns its original purchase price, since gold was discovered in the Siltine River, followed by the great strikes in Cassiar, Klondike and the rush to the Yukon. Every 30 days, for 20 years, it has paid for itself in salmon. If you're figure-minded, you can say that Alaska has already paid for itself 425 times in the 86 years of U. S. ownership.

**Facts About Alaska**  
After three separate trips around the world since 1950, I can say for my part that I have never feasted my eyes on a more beautiful natural country of mountains, sea, trees, glaciers, and sunsets in any part of the world. Just one glacier, the Malaspina, is larger than the whole state of Rhode Island. The Alaska coastline is over 20,000 miles in length . . . longer than the coastline of the United States.

Alaska is nearly 100 times larger than Hawaii, twice the size of France . . . about one-fifth the size of all the United States. The permanent population is about 150,000, with another 35,000 of itinerant workers.

**High Cost of Living**  
A tourist in Alaska quickly discovers that it is not a place to come on a "budget-vacation" unless you're at home in a sleeping bag and handy with the fishing rod and rifle for one's supper. An average \$5 room in the States will cost you \$10 in Alaska. An average \$2 meal in Seattle will cost \$4 in Alaska. Gas averages 40 cents a gallon . . . a haircut costs \$2.50 . . . 60 cents for a quart of milk . . . 40 cents for cigarettes . . . 60 cents for a milk shake . . . \$1.25 for a hamburger sandwich . . . \$1 for a banana split.

Wages and salaries are also higher than in the States. Government employees get a 25 per cent higher cost of living allowance when they come to Alaska . . . plumbers average \$4.00 an hour . . . stenographers as much as \$100 a week. But even at these higher earnings, the average wage or salary earner is strained to make ends meet.

Housing is expensive in Alaska. A \$25,000 house in the States would cost \$50,000 in Anchorage or Fairbanks. A \$100 apartment would easily cost \$200. The price paid for Alaska of \$7,200,000 brings \$200 per acre to about 25 cents. But when you go around looking for a homestead even miles out of the city you're lucky if you can find it for less than \$2000. Inside the city of Juneau or Anchorage, a small 50 foot lot would go for \$4,000. If it has a view, it could double in price.

Cost of living is high because of high cost of transportation and the distances covered in Alaska.

**Alaska Open for Development**  
Alaska is still a great frontier with infinite opportunities of genuine economic development. Its mining potential alone is valued in billions. In addition to gold, Alaska has huge deposits of silver, platinum, copper, tin, antimony, tungsten, mercury, lead, zinc, petroleum, gypsum, chromite, marble, limestone and vast stores of coal. In the Kenai Peninsula and the Matanuska Valley are produced some of the finest agricultural products in North America. Since 1897 it has become the largest salmon producing area in the world.

The climate in the North often reaches 60 below zero, but in the Juneau and Ketchikan southeast coast zero is about the coldest and about 75 degrees in the summer months.

The main topic one hears in Alaska these days is . . . Statehood. Tempers are hot among those in favor or against Statehood. The majority of the native population is in favor of Statehood. In my next column I will report on the pros and cons of Statehood as I gathered them on this recent trip.

## THE MAIL BOX

### Growth Noted

Editor,  
When we compare PTA publicity record books of 10 years ago with books of this last year, we are amazed at (1) how the Torrance Herald has grown, and (2) how Torrance has grown. Part of this, we are sure, is due to increased co-operation of this paper and the unit associations.

We wish to say a sincere thanks to the Torrance Herald for its almost-complete coverage of all PTA activities, and its many pictures. One special word of commendation must go to Miss Agnes Bolter, whose fine work on the woman's page, we feel, is outstanding.

Yours sincerely,  
Evelyn L. Carr (Mrs. H. E.)  
President, Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers

### PTA Grateful

Editor,  
As the end of another school year draws near, may we, the members of Madrona Ave. Elementary PTA, extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your time and co-operation during the past 10 months.

Evelyn S. Radford,  
corresponding secretary

### Exceptional Job

The members of the Torrance High School PTA and I wish to express our appreciation for the excellent coverage we have received in your fine paper the past year.

We especially wish to extend our thanks to Miss Agnes Bolter, the Society editor. We feel that she has done an exceptional job.

Mrs. I. O. Kasten, president  
Mrs. L. M. Nash, secretary

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The Torrance Herald:  
On behalf of myself and the advertising staff, we would like to express our appreciation for the help and cooperation you have given us this past year. It has been a pleasure doing business with you.

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Advertising Manager  
Torrance High School TNT



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